Music News

Another exciting week has passed in the Music Department with performances, excursions, workshops and successes. First, we would like to congratulate more students who have had success in exams recently. Lottie Bull, Year 11, received an A grade for her Grade 6 piano exam, and J’aime McGuire, Year 7, undertook two exams in which she was awarded Honours for Grade 3 flute and Credit for Grade 2 Piano. Last week we made an error in Donica Tran’s Grade 8 violin results. Donica received an A Grade (Honours) which is an amazingly high achievement for a Year 8 doing the top level of exams. Congratulations to all these students.

More congratulations are in order to students who submitted compositions, this time to the National Eisteddfod Under 19 Composition section. This section attracted entries from as far away as Perth, so we were especially pleased to hear that Julia Donnelly and Melinda Füle, Year 12, Jessica Wu, Year 11, and Charlotte Strong, Irene Zhong and Rebecca Richards have all been awarded a prize. Their compositions will be played to an audience on Sunday 18 September (time tbc) at the Eisteddfod, and Canberra composer Michael Sollis will present them with their awards.

Two excursions took place this week with Motet, Gabriel Singers and Junior Chapel Choir representing CGGS at the 150th Anniversary Service in St Saviour’s Cathedral in Goulburn, and the Year 10 music class going to Sydney to do a professional recording of a vocal composition. Also, the annual band events occurred this week. Instead of interstate tours, Dr Ralph Hultgren (after whom Hultgren band is named) was brought to Canberra to work with each of our bands in workshops and concerts. This was a highly successful program and the students gained much from the time they had working with him.

Upcoming events next week include the 1950s-themed Music Social at which BJB and Glee are performing on Friday 16 August at 6.30pm in the CGGS Hall. Tickets are $10 and are available only at the music office. Students performing in BJB and Glee do not need a ticket to attend the event, but if they want to eat the dinner provided, then they will need to buy a ticket. This is followed by the Annual Choral Concert on Sunday 18 August at 3pm in the CGGS Chapel. Entry is a gold coin and everyone is welcome to bring a plate.

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